

THE LAST BRIDGE

SCENARIO ASL TAC 65

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VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Soviet player wins at game end if he Controls Building 23U3 provided he has ≥ 12 VP of Good Order infantry south of the Canal and there are no unbroken German units north of the Canal on/west of hexrow V.

BERLIN, MOLTKE BRIDGE, 28 to 29 April 1945:

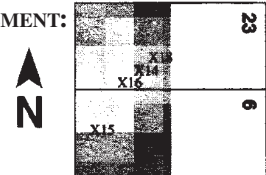
After a hard fought advance through Moabit Quarter, Soviet forces of 79 Corps had reached the northern end of the Moltke bridge, spanning the River Spree. This was the only practical crossing within reach of the Administrative Quarter, an area the Germans had turned into a veritable fortress. The only other intact bridge was under constant fire from the Reichstag itself, where the Germans had massed automatic weapons, and opened onto open ground which made a bridgehead difficult to establish. The Moltke bridge was also barricaded at both ends, and itself was swept by the fire of defenders entrenched in the Department of Domestic Affairs and the Diplomatic District. A daylight crossing was deemed impossible, so the Soviets decided on a night assault to seize a foothold in the citadel.

BOARD PLACEMENT:

BALANCE:

★ Add a 6-5-8 and LMG to German reinforcements

♣ German reinforcements enter on Turn 4











Only hexrows R-GG are playable

♣ GERMANS set up first	★	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	END
★ SOVIETS move first									






Elements of the Waffen SS and Volksturm: [ELR:1]

set up south of the canal and/or in hex 23X3 {SAN:4}:






 6-2-8	 4-4-7	 4-3-6	 7-0	 7-0	 5-3-16	 5-12	 3-8
2	3	3			2	2	



 2	 20L (6) 2	 2-2-8 2
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Counter attacking Group:












enter on Turn 3 on the east edge of Board 23 (see SSR 2):

 6-2-8	 4-4-7	 9-1	 7-0	 3-8
2	6			2









Elements of the 1st Battalion, 756th Rifle Regiment: [ELR:4]

set up north of the canal on/west of Hexrow X in hexes numbered ≥ 6 OR enter on Turn 1 on the north edge {SAN:3}:

 6-2-8	 5-2-7	 4-4-7	 2-2-8	 9-1	 8-0	 5-3-16	 5-12	 2-8	 30-1	 82* [3-78]
3	5	2						2		

Elements of the 1st Battalion, 380th Rifle Regiment:

set up north of the canal on/west of Hex row X in hexes numbered ≥ 6 OR enter on Turn 1 on the north edge:

 5-2-7	 4-4-7	 9-1	 8-0	 2-10	 2-8
7	3			2	3

Scenario Design: Jean-Luc Béchennec '94

SSR:

- EC are moderate with no wind at start. The Bridge in BB5 does not exist. Woods are shellholes. Buildings are Stone. Single Story Buildings are Stone Rubble. Orchards are not in season. Place Overlays as follows: X15 on 6Z7-Z6, X16 on 23X0-W1, X14 on 23U3-U2, X18 on 23S4-R3. The Rooftops of Building 23Y7 and of the buildings on Overlays X15 and X16 are playable. All Locations of the buildings of Overlays X14, X15 and X16 are Fortified (B23.9) (EXC: eventual rooftop). Place the roadblocks on hexsides 23X3-X4 and 23X2-X3.
- Night Rules are in effect. Initial NVR is 2 hexes, with a half-Moon. Russians are the Scenario Attacker, and the Germans are the Scenario Defender. However, German forces which enter during the game may use Cloaking. The Russian Majority Squad Type is Stealthy, while the German Majority Squad Type is Normal.
- The 20L Flak 38s may set up on Rooftops (B23.85 is NA). German Units are considered Fanatic while they are in the Overlay X16 Building.
- The German player may Boresight the HMG and MMGs (E1.71).

AFTERMATH: The assault was undertaken by a battalion from each of the leading divisions. The Bridge defenders were overwhelmed around midnight but the crossing had truly been a close affair. The Germans had positioned several machine-guns to enfilade the southern bank of the Spree and held the bridge under a vicious crossfire. In addition, the Germans mounted a counterattack on both sides of the Spree which put the Soviet assault in danger. The Germans then detonated explosive charges, but the bridge was stronger than foreseen and withstood the explosion, still allowing vehicles to cross. By 0200 the Soviets had finally driven off the counter-attack and had established a foothold in the Diplomatic District. Reinforcements were then directed in overwhelming strength to the south of the canal to shore up the bridgehead and by morning, the Soviets were firmly ensconced in the Diplomatic District. The Battle for the Reichstag was about to begin.